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Czechoslovakia Subject Of Politics Seminar

Next week the UMSL Politics Club will begin its activities with a two-day program on Czechoslovakia. "The Shop on Main Street," a widely-acclaimed Czechoslovakian movie, will be shown Tuesday night, October 1, and a panel discussion of the recent Soviet invasion is scheduled for the following evening.

Vladimir Butkoff, Assistant Professor of Russian at UMSL and a native of Russia, will introduce and comment on the film. A critical success two years ago, "The Shop on Main Street" won the U. S. Academy Award, Special Recognition, Cannes Film Festival.

Dr. Stanley B. Kimball, a history professor at SIU-Edwardsville will lead the panel discussion Wednesday night. Dr. Kimball was in Czechoslovakia when the Soviet troops invaded it this past summer.

Other members of the panel are Dr. Robert Sullivan, chairman of the UMSL Department of Political Science, and Dr. Elizabeth Clayton, an assistant professor of economics at UMSL. Dr. Sullivan, who has specialized in Soviet politics, will interpret the rationale underlying the Soviet decision to invade Czechoslovakia. Dr. Clayton, a specialist in Soviet economics, will discuss the economic implications of the invasion.

After each of the panel members has presented his views, the panel will discuss points of interest and answer questions from the audience.

Both the film and the discussion will be presented in room 105 of Benton Hall. A 50¢ admission fee will be charged for the movie, which will be shown at 7:30. The 8:00 panel discussion is offered without charge.

Pike, Sororities To Host Rushees

Anyone interested in pledging with Pi Kappa Alpha is invited to attend a party on October 5. Its president, Bill Kallaios, may be contacted for further information at WY 1-2542.

On Sunday, Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Zeta will hold a co-op rush party in the student lounge of Benton Hall from 2-4 p.m. for those girls interested in joining a social sorority.

All girls planning to join either sorority must attend this co-op party on Sunday.

Any co-ed who did not have a chance to sign the list at freshmen orientation or at the regular rush booth may still come to the party, but must contact Joan Bollinger, TE 1-3983.



Rain on the first day of school may have dampened the spirits of umbrella-carrying students, but the steady downpour did not bother the ducks resting near the Life Sciences building under construction.

Students Plan Structure For Central Council

by Ron Brown, News Editor

Those students who are planning a broad outline for a student representative system have created a dual basis for representation in a central council and an interplay between parallel student and faculty committees.

Representatives will be chosen from each organization and from each school or college in proportion to its membership.

"We call our central council, a 'switchboard for student opinion,'" said Jean Kettinger, a junior, who became involved through Newman Club. "We don't want to exclude any student who is interested in helping us, and that includes former members of the SA or the constitutional convention. But we want only the few, interested students who seek communication between the students and the administration," she said.

Although the members of the planning group generally agree on this means for representation, none of them recalls who proposed it first. Nevertheless, they believe it is innovative, sensible, and viable.

"We hope that every student will be represented at least once," explained Michael Longcor, president of the Chemistry club. "We want a loose and simple outline that is not too strict and parliamentary like the old Senate."

Another feature of the plan is student committees that will parallel faculty committees in form and duties. For example, a committee on admissions and student aid, under the central council, will include both student and faculty members with a majority of students. A similar committee with the same name, under the faculty senate, will be a student-faculty committee with a majority of faculty members -- some elec-

ted by the faculty and others appointed by the Chancellor.

The group is in the process of displaying its plan to the respective deans in the Schools of Business and Education, in the College of Arts and Sciences, and in the Evening College.

Student Leaders Meet University Administrators

Student leaders from each of the University of Missouri's four campuses met with University administrators in Columbia Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, participating in what University President John C. Weaver called "an exercise in communication." The exercise seemed more a confrontation at times, however, as the student delegation from the University of Missouri-Kansas City pushed for a greater student voice in the determination of University policy.

The discussions, which included informal discussions at President Weaver's home Friday night and a more formal meeting Saturday morning, were intended to acquaint University officials with student opinion.

University administrators at the meetings were President Weaver, William C. Meyers Jr., President of the Board of Curators, Chancellor John Schwada of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Chancellor James Olson of UMKC, Chancellor James L. Bugg Jr. of UMSL, and the Dean of Student Affairs from each campus.

Most discussion centered on President Weaver's policy statement on student disorders and on requests for student activities fee increases from UMC and University of Missouri-Rolla students. Al Katz, president of UMKC's

Organizations Compete To Sponsor Social Events

by Carol Pratt

A new system for programming activities and social events is being initiated at UMSL this year, which is hoped will revolutionize both the events and the organizations sponsoring them. The program has not been given an official title as yet, but has been dubbed by its descriptive name: "bidding out activities."

Conceived by Dean Davenport and Miss Stephanie Kreis, the system is an attempt to increase organizational involvement in the programming and life of the University. Because of the many budget cuts suffered this year, coupled with the absence of a Student Union Board which sponsored these events last year, organizations winning each respective bid will guarantee that the activity and social life of the campus will continue.

Miss Kreis said that the club or organization, in sponsoring these college-wide activities should do more than break even financially. While it will take a good sized treasury and hard work for some of the larger events, as Miss Kreis pointed out in a Current interview, the possibilities for profit are excellent. With one or more organizations sponsoring an event, and

other clubs cooperating, there is hope for greater involvement of students in UMSL functions.

Miss Kreis also explained that this system has been in practice at other universities and colleges, and that it has been a great success. "Students love the experience of involvement in their school's functions as well as the competition between organizations in trying to win a bid," she said.

Letters explaining the program were sent to all organizations, along with a listing of the events for bid. Included in this list are the four Purple Onions scheduled for December 7, February 28, April 10 and May 17. The deadlines for these bids is about three months before the event is scheduled to take place. These events will require a lesser degree of work and can be backed by a comparatively smaller treasury.

Events Threatened

There is some concern over whether or not the major social events will receive the financial support and manpower for them to be successfully carried out. Among these are the Christmas Ball on December 19. Homecoming Dance on February 15; the Sadie Hawkins Dance on March 15; and the Spring Formal on May 3. Bid deadlines for the Christmas Ball and Homecoming were September 23. Miss Kreis said that these deadlines may be extended another week in order to give organizations a chance to meet and decide which event they could sponsor. Deadlines for bidding on the Sadie Hawkins Dance and Spring Formal are set for October 14.

UMSL's Inter-Greek Council has already agreed to sponsor the All School Mixer scheduled for this Saturday. Newman Club will organize the Purple Onion Costume Party planned for November 2.

For the larger social events, Miss Kreis suggested that organizations consider working with one or two other groups in order to make planning easier, the financial strain lighter, and to help insure a successful event.

Spelunkers' First Meeting

The MUSLS, (Missouri University-St. Louis Spelunkers), the Campus club for spelunkers, will conduct its first meeting on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the blue building.

Students who have either a passing or avid curiosity about exploring caves are invited to attend the slide show and discussion.

The club is also planning a series of three field trips, open to any students, for October 6, 13, and 20.

Editorials

SUB: A Great Loss

Throughout the decline and fall of the institution known as the Student Association, one segment of the organization managed to survive. It not only survived but it was a credit to the Student Association. If the Student Association had one fine point, it was the Student Union Board. In the year 1967-68 the SUB received \$15,000 to run the social events on campus. The SUB did this in excellent fashion.

This year the SUB has been abolished in favor of a system in which the organizations on campus bid out for the social events. Reportedly the money which the SUB received last year has been split up among the various organizations such as athletics, University Chorus, and the band. Although this appears to be a fine way of benefiting the organizations which will be receiving funds, the lack of a SUB still seems a great loss.

It seems a big burden to put on the campus organizations who must bid out for the social events. It must be realized that just as the university is growing so are the recognized organizations. Obviously, these groups are limited in their use of funds.

We wonder why the total amount of funds with which the SUB functioned had to be cut. Why couldn't there still be some funds controlled by the proposed student council to supplement the organizations? In this way the limited funds of the organizations could be relieved. Of course these funds would only be available for events which would be open to all students.

We can only hope that the new system without the SUB will be as much a credit to the school as the SUB has been in previous years.
P.W.

New Year, Old Problems

The arrival of the 1968-69 school year at UMSL is marked with quite a few changes. There are new buildings, new curriculums, new rules, new faculty members and a mushrooming number of new students. Amidst all the changes, however, there are a few things that will remain the same. Included in this area is the ever present need for increased participation, by the student, in the affairs of this school.

At a time when this University is developing rapidly in the areas of architecture and academics, it is indeed unfortunate that the students are virtually apathetic.

Opportunity for student participation could never be greater with the increased number of areas of activity becoming available. However, a successful student government is still questionable and there are many other organizations which are "starving" for competent and interested members.

There have been a few attempts to determine the cause of apathy among UMSL students. Some feel that the fact that a "commuter-type" campus exists contributes to the problem. Still others feel that there is a problem in communications on campus and that activities of certain organizations affect only a small, select group of students.

Whatever the cause or causes, the fact remains that some definite, positive action should be taken to "awaken" the UMSL student and help him discover a school which has the potential of becoming one of the great metropolitan universities in America.

A System Identity?

Five students from each University of Missouri campus met in Columbia last Friday and Saturday at the invitation of University President John Weaver with the intention of improving communication between students and administrators. The discussions did not end in complete accord on any matter other than the need to improve such communication, and one attitude was strikingly obvious: that there is no identity on the part of the students with the University of Missouri.

This was made apparent constantly in conversation as students would preface their remarks with "We're different down at Rolla (or UMSL, UMKC, or Columbia)..." One could not help but be aware that students thought of their university as Rolla, Mizzou, UMKC, or UMSL, not as the University of Missouri.

The decisions of the Board of Curators last year, decisions aimed at creating a unified University system, have had, as yet, no effect. There is some evidence, in fact, that these decisions which eliminated individual seals and individual diplomas for individual campuses have been resented by students who want to preserve some measure of autonomy for their campus. We agree with these people, especially when regarded in the light of UMSL's problems. UMSL has two problems, its commuter nature and its youth, which require that it devote time and energy to the development of student identity, a development necessary to the growth of this University. This identity can best be accomplished, we think, by stressing the individuality of UMSL; and we think that a similar stress will benefit the other campuses also.

We do not mean to imply that there are no benefits to belonging to the University of Missouri system. Obviously it benefits all the campuses to present one budget to the Missouri legislature rather than four. But we do feel that it is unrealistic to expect students to identify with a concept, the University of Missouri system, rather than with the physical realities of their individual campuses.

Program of Student Council

Purpose and Function:

The Council will serve as a focal point for student opinion on campus issues and as the distribution center of information on administrative policies and University developments to the student.

The Council will strive to carry out the suggestions of students when possible or substitute a suitable solution.

Council members should put emphasis on action and try to make every effort to find out student's opinions and grievances in order to be truly representative of the students as well as to accomplish needed reforms.

The Council will appoint student representatives to sit in on the faculty committees in numbers specified by faculty bylaws.

The Council will set up, as necessary, student committees corresponding to the faculty committees as well as standing and ad hoc committees.

Membership:

Representatives to the Central Council will consist of one representative elected within each organization and one representative per five hundred students and fraction thereof with a minimum of one within each University division.

Interested students who want to serve as a representative should volunteer to be a nominee for elections that will be held the last part of October (More details in Office of Student Affairs, 117 Ad. Bldg.).

Membership on standing and ad hoc committees need not be members of the Central Council, but can be voluntary and at the discretion of committee chairman.

Necessary executive officers will be nominated from the group of elected representatives and voted on by the student body at large. More than one candidate must be nominated for each office.

All meetings will be open to students and faculty.

Operational Procedures:

The Council will specify and publicize the time and date of open meetings of the student body for purposes of student grievances and opinions.

The Council will specify a regular time for closed meetings and, when necessary, will call any special sessions.

The Council will periodically review all standing and ad hoc committees.

All proceedings of general interest taken up in council meetings will be publicized to the student body.

This plan was designed to initiate the beginning of a student representative system. It is temporary and will serve only until such time as duly elected representatives are chosen and will consider its revision necessary.

RAMBLIN'

By Charlie Chamberlin

Hi Gang

Just like the drunken uncle you want to forget, just like the left wing of the Republican Party, just like an Excedrin Headache, I'm back again. Really I'm just a headache to a select few, which I'll elaborate on at a later -- as for now, on to happier things... Speaking of happy things, have you seen a Bel-Nor resident lately? I'm told they have a new police chief, a new police car and a new bullet. Really I can't complain about Bel-Nor; after all, some day it will be frat row...

I heard the local chapter of SDS (Students for a Democratic Society, a misnomer) visited the recent party convention in Chicago. I was told by an SDSer that the Chicago police refrained from using police dogs during the convention, but the police alligators were murder... The Rambler was accosted by an eager-eyed, alert freshman the other day. The E-EAF stated that this year there was a possibility there would be no student government: "So what's new?"...

It's almost that time again, the UMSL cagers are about to dribble into another season. Coach Smith seems optimistic about our chances, and I agree with him. The team has speed and size, and with an enthusiastic backing from the student bod, I think they will have a great season... so good luck guys... A Flower and Kisses Award (hereafter referred to as A F&K Award) to Mac the Thumper, Campus Officer Don McKenzie, who was recently promoted to Sergeant. Campus Cops are usually not models of efficiency, but our campus police are different. Each of the officers has at least 5 years police experience plus state and local training in law enforcement. The Campus Police here are a lot more qualified than the police departments of many of the surrounding municipalities, no names mentioned of course... In reference to the campus book store, there must be a better (and cheaper) way...

Progress on the life sciences building is just fantastic, seems like only yesterday it was just a concrete framework jutting geometrically into the campus sky

and today it's a concrete framework jutting etc., etc., etc... I notice the Normandy Township Republican Headquarters are now located just west of the campus on Natural Bridge. A smiling picture of Tricky Dicky adorns the window there. I think a better way to get votes for Nixon would be to put a picture of the esteemed ex-Gov. of Alabama on the window and show people the alternative... If you can't say anything good about something don't say anything... Speaking of the Canteen Machine Food ()...

I saw a freshman break his neck last week. He tried to eat a Canteen sandwich, too bad it was still in the machine, the door snapped shut and... Congrats to the University for having the foresight to organize a Department of Administration of Justice. Professionalization of law enforcement can only be accomplished by education... A quote from Ronald Reagan: "I was told in '64 if I voted for Goldwater we would be at war within the year; I did and we were"... The duck population in Benton Harbor, or rather Bugg Lake, has almost tripled in the last year, and a lot of other strange birds have been seen on campus lately too...

I've been told that 50% of the girls graduating from high schools in the

St. Louis area last year were beautiful, and the other 50% enrolled here... The Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity will hold a rush for all interested students later on this semester, so if you are interested in serving the University, the community, and having some fun in the process, consider APO... Speaking of fraternities, a young Pike rushee was heard to say "Gosh and Golly I always wanted to be a member of a neat fraternity," which should be an indication of the caliber of rushees this year...

The Current (that's what you're holding in your hand right now) needs staff workers this semester, so if you are near the second floor of the Ad building, stop in and volunteer your services. There is no scholastic credit given, there is no pay, the hours are long, the assignments tough, in fact it's the perfect job for you if you are a masochist...

I can see it's almost time to don my chicken suit and protect the area from crime and or evil, but until next time remember "Where a chicken is reigns there peace and

Bye Gang



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Sock it to me! Sock it to me!

Photo by Kowal

Tau Kappa Delta Awaits Recognition

Tau Kappa Delta (TKD), UMSL's newest fraternity, is currently awaiting permanent recognition by the University administration. The fraternity, which has held temporary recognition for a period of over three months, expects to be recognized shortly.

When permanent recognition is granted, the local fraternity plans to petition Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), the world's largest social fraternity. TKE national has already expressed a desire to grant the local fraternity a colony charter if the administration grants it

recognition and allows TKE to affiliate with the local.

Richard Watts, a member of TKD and an active in TKE, says that the national fraternity will lend prestige to the UMSL campus if and when it is allowed to establish a colony. Until then the local fraternity plans to accept its first rushees and establish itself with the other Greeks on campus.

A smoker is to be held on Sunday September 29, for prospective members. For information call Karl Van Mill, HA 3-2438.

Students' Commuting, Work Experience, Extra-curricular Activities Explored in Survey

by Sam Hack, Features Editor

Last week the first two of five sections of a sample survey of Winter, 1968 UMSL students were covered by the *Current*. That article dealt with background information of the sample students and with their academic status. This article will be concerned with the final three sections of the survey; commuting, work experience, and extracurricular activities.

One correction must be made in the previous article before continuing this discussion of the survey. The term "modal student" which runs throughout that article is a printer's error. The survey makes no attempt to dictate what an UMSL student should be like as that expression connotes. In its place should be "modal student." The "modal student" is merely an imaginary student who represents responses which occurred most frequently in a specific question.

Few Surprises

The section on commuting holds few surprises. "...the modal student comes (to school) alone, driving his own car (one of two in the family and one that has a market value of \$1200), and parks it on campus after a 20 minute trip." Eighty-five percent of the students come to school by car of which 70% park on campus and 11% park off campus. Five percent of the students are dropped off. What Dr. Richard C. Gilman (under whose direction the survey was administered) calls "the American mania for automotive freedom and privacy" is reflected by the fact that 65% of the students drive alone and 22% with only a front seat load.

The importance of the section on working experience is indicated by the finding in the section on academic status that "... opportunities to earn a living was

given as the highest ranking reason for transferring to UMSL." It is "financially necessary" for the modal student to have a part-time job (80 hours per month) in sales for which he earns \$220 per month. This median earnings figure has been somewhat elevated by the inclusion of some evening students who hold full-time jobs and full-time vacation earnings of some day students.

One-fourth of the 83% of the students who "held a job either at the time of the questionnaire or during the preceding vacation" did not hold their job to be a financial necessity. "Twenty-four percent of the students report that all or most of the money they earn is spent for tuition; 20%, for clothes and grooming; 18%, for spending money; 17%, for family expenses; 16%, for books; 14%, for auto expenses; and 5%, for room and board."

For 33% of the students personal employment is the source for all or most of the financing of their education; for 29%, family aid; for 21%, personal savings; for 8%, spouse; for 7% scholarship; for 5% veterans' benefits; and for 3% loans.

Problem Exists

The final section of the survey, that on extracurricular activities, has a dizzyingly complex set of responses. The only concrete indication is the initial findings of this section is that the problem of a lack of student involvement (which the survey was administered to help solve) does indeed exist. "Thirty-nine percent if the UMSL students do not desire to join any organization at all." With the exception of reading the *Current* (the most easily attainable and least time consuming of all student activities), the most popular activity, in terms of the percentage of students who have ever participated in it, is lectures with a total participation of only 39%.

Departmental organizations seem to have the greatest potential for growth as 38% of the students report being a member of

or desiring to join one or more such groups. Thirty-three percent of the students are members of or desire to join athletic teams; 22%, student government; 19%, special interest groups; 17%, religious clubs; 12%, fraternities or sororities; 12%, fine arts groups; and 7%, publications.

With regard to specific groups, 12% of the students reported membership or interest in Newman Club; 8%, Student National Education Association; 7% intramural basketball; 6%, intramural volleyball; 6% University Chorus; 6% Young Democrats; 5% *Current* staff; and 5% intramural softball.

Specific Activities

An exceptionally interesting part of this section of the survey is concerned with the popularity of specific campus activities on three grounds (use, potential, and net desire to increase budget.) "Use" was determined by the percentage of students which attended an activity on campus; "potential" by subtracting the "use" which attended an activity off campus; and "net budget increase" by subtracting the percentage of students which wished to either abolish or decrease the budget for an activity from the percentage which wished to increase its budget.

The *Current* ranked first in use with 90% and second in budget increase with 26%, but ninth in potential with only 3% who read any newspaper and do not read the *Current*. Lectures ranked second in use with 39%, third in budget increase with 24%, and sixth in potential with 18%. Dances ranked third in use with 32%, third in potential with 50%, and seventh in budget with 6%. Intercollegiate athletics ranked fourth in use with 28%, second in potential with 51%, and first in budget increase with 29%. Plays ranked fifth in use with 27%, fourth in potential with 45%, and fourth in budget with 20%.

Movies ranked sixth in use with 25%, first in potential with 64%, and sixth in budget with 13%. Concerts ranked seventh in use with 22%, fifth in potential with 30%, and seventh in budget with 6%. Class (alumni) meetings, pep rallies (special events), and student band were lowest ranking activities on these scales.

Policy Questions

The opinions of the students were ascertained on two important questions of University policy, student activity fee and student government. Fifty-nine percent of the students want no change in the \$15 fee; 19% wanted to increase it; 13% wanted to abolish it; and 2% wanted to decrease it. This information is complicated by the fact that "a larger proportion wanted to change specific activity budgets, usually to increase a given budget."

Seventy-four percent of the students thought that student government should "help determine UMSL policy; 14% thought that it should "only advise the Dean;" 5% thought that it should "completely control student lives;" and 4% thought that it should be abolished."

The information in these two articles was obtained from Dr. Gilman's "Initial Report" on the survey. There will be further reports as Dr. Gilman continues to study and refine the survey's data. Its value in solving the problem of student involvement is, therefore, yet to be determined, but indications are that this study could be of exceptional importance.

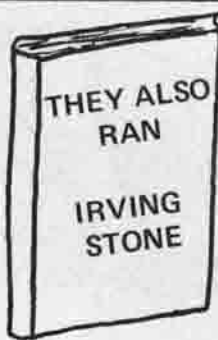
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Sorority

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Sunday, Sept. 29 2-4 p.m.

Benton Hall Student Lounge
Dress: Suits or Dresses

Given By: Alpha X, Delta
Delta Zeta

It is important to attend this party for anyone planning to go through fall rush. If unable to attend, contact Kay Cushman, faculty member, Math-Language Bldg.

Dallas Lends Experience To UMSL Soccermen

UMSL's first soccer coach, Don Dallas, was graduated from Bishop DuBourg High School in 1954. While he was in high school he played four years of soccer, baseball, and basketball. During his last two years of high school, he was named to the all-district soccer team.

He attended Harris Teachers College and SIU where he received his M.A. He spent two years with the New York Yankee Baseball Organization as an outfielder, one year in the Sooner State League in Macalester, Oklahoma, and one year in the Florida State League at St. Petersburg.

The coach feels the team should do well this year although they are mainly freshmen. The Rivermen scrimmaged against Washington University and defeated the Bears' established soccer team. Team members who are expected to start are Butch Ryan, a junior who was on the CYC all-star team last year; Luis Campos, a sophomore exchange student from British Honduras; and freshmen Mark McDonald from Augustinian Academy, Tom Tucker from McBride High School, and Tim Fitzsimmon and Marty Todt from St. Mary's High School.

The team will inaugurate soccer on the UMSL campus Saturday October 5, when they open regular season play at Blackburn College.

BASKETBALL

ALL MEN INTERESTED IN PLAYING VARSITY BASKETBALL SHOULD REPORT TO THE STUDENT LOUNGE IN BENTON HALL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30 AT 4:30.

Hendin's Headlines

by Marty Hendins, Sports Editor

This should be an interesting sports year here at UMSL as soccer and baseball will be added to our ever growing sports program. All the teams should do well if they can figure out if they are playing at home or on the road. Due to the lack of facilities on campus our sports teams are forced to practice and play their "home" games elsewhere.

The soccer team, which practices at Normandy Junior High, has only one home game scheduled and, as of now, they do not know where that will be played. Cross-country, which does practice and hold meets on campus, has only three home meets because of construction work here which has forced an alteration of the course.

The varsity basketball team, which practices at Normandy Junior High, will play two "home" games at Concordia Seminary Gym, four at Normandy High School's new gym, and three at Florissant Valley's Gym. The tennis Rivermen practice and hold some meets here, but most of the matches are played elsewhere. The golf team, although based at a former golf course, practices and plays "home"

matches at Hillcrest Country Club.

For those of you who wondered about our headline calling the cross-country team "harriers," here is the explanation as written by last year's sports editor, Doug Sutton, in his famous column, "Doug Out": "Apparently in England there were running clubs called 'hounds' and 'hares' clubs. Eventually the shorter term 'harrier' evolved and described the distance runner." Also on the subject of cross-country, I'll try to explain the cross-country scoring system. The main idea is that the team with the lower total of points wins. In determining the score, the team's top five finishers comprise the total points. For example, if team A were to take positions 1, 4, 5, 9 and 10, its score would be 29. If team B should take positions 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8, its score would be 26, so it would win the meet 26-29.

UMSL athletes should be in great shape this year. That's because they will have to go out to the back of the campus to talk to the coaches who are now headquartered in the blue metal building at the Florissant Road entrance to the campus. I drove from the Administration Building to the new

building and found it to be 6/10 of a mile. The coaches should make their players run out there a few times a day as part of their training.

Congratulations to Marilyn Sander, Johnna Travis, and Evelyn Washington who were chosen as cheerleaders last May. Tryouts for the remainder of the cheerleading squad will be held Wednesday, October 16. Cheerleading clinics will be held starting Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m. on the volleyball court in back of the administration building. Watch for the Current for complete details of all cheerleading activities. The cheerleaders will miss two-year veteran Pat Mitchell, who will be attending night school this semester, however, Marilyn, Johnna, and Evelyn will provide a good nucleus for the new squad.

Any freshman or transfer student who is interested in varsity basketball should report to Normandy Junior High at 4:30 on Tuesday, Oct. 1, when tryouts for new players will be held, with official varsity practice getting underway October 7.

This year looks good for our basketball Rivermen as seven returning lettermen, eight transfers, and seven freshmen make up the team at this time. Included among the 22 players are last year's and UMSL's all-time leading scorer Jack Stenner (22.7 ppg in 67-68), three 6'7" transfer students, and Normandy High School's all-star Glen "Doody" Rohn. Watch for the pre-season roster which will be published in the near future.

In closing this first column, I'd like to wish the best of luck to our cross-country, soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, and baseball Rivermen and their coaches Larry Berres, Don Dallas, Chuck Smith, Carl Brummett, and Arnold Cope-land, respectively.

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